



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: An estimated 6.7 million people in the U.S. live with chronic wounds, and the number of those affected may continue to grow throughout the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: Untreated chronic wounds can lead to a diminished quality of life and possible amputation of an affected limb. The treatment of chronic wounds is essential and costs the healthcare system more than \$50 billion per year; and
- WHEREAS: More than 29.1 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, and approximately 2 million of those with the disease will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and
- WHEREAS: Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective manner. Wound care physicians and health care providers strive to ensure their patients succeed in living full and independent lives; and
- WHEREAS: Greater awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit those affected today and in the future. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 5-9, 2017, as WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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